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To: All State Directors

From: Director, NARSC

Subject: Guide Specifications Revision Update

At this time there are 36 updated priority guide specification sections available. They will not reside on the LAN/WAN server until the completion of the Architecture and Engineering Group's move to the National Park Service at the end of February or early March. However, at this time, they can be E-mailed. We will run a file compression program to provide the sections to each state office by E-mail.

The revised specifications represent the work done in coordination with the Interagency Specifications Committee. Also, some of them have been renumbered and titled to match the 1995 MASTERFORMAT. The most significant change is having the listing of the references in full only in Sections 01009 and 01010, instead of every section. The reference article has been eliminated in Part 1 of the technical sections. The references will continue to be shown in short form, e.g., ASTM C 109 in Parts 2 and 3 of the technical sections. The advantages are that the references are listed once in the IFB, thus eliminating duplication. Also, updates will be more timely than in the past.

These revisions support the joint initiative purpose statement of the Interagency Specification Committee which promotes the following objectives:

- ♦ Improve contractor performance and understanding by providing consistency in government specifications.
- Reduce duplication of effort and improve efficiency among various government agencies who develop and use similar project specifications.

- Provide for integration of the various types of specifications in government contracts such as roads, trails, buildings, and recreational sites.
- ◆ Facilitate sharing of services between government agencies for project development (planning, design, contract preparation, and contract administration).

The change in page layout of the revised guide specifications meets the above objectives.

Many sections are being numbered and created in the field offices without coordination with the NARSC Architecture and Engineering Group. Although this situation allows the field offices an opportunity to expedite getting projects completed, it does a disservice to the Bureau because other offices do not benefit from much of the specification effort being done. In these times of reduced resources, sharing our specification work is desirable and necessary. With E-mail now a reality, coordination of specification titles and numbers should not be a problem. The sections themselves can be rapidly transmitted between field offices and the NARSC.

Attached to this IB are two lists: the first contains the 36 guide specification sections that have been completed, and the second is the next series of sections scheduled to be completed this fiscal year (FY97).

Please bring this Information Bulletin to the attention of your procurement and engineering staffs, including those District and Resource Area Offices using guide specification sections to prepare contract specifications. If you have any questions please contact Dion Dishong, (303) 236-9504, or Lori Quayle, (303) 236-9517.

Signed by: Lee Barkow, Director, NARSC Authenticated by: Deanna Bell-Gann, Secretary, RS-110

## 2 Attachments

- 1 List of completed Guide Specifications (2 pp)
- 2 List of sections scheduled in FY97 (2 pp)

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